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MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE:

Subject:

I.A.B. 1 - Coordination of Intelligence Production.

1. Mr. Willard Webb, Library of Congress Lexicographer, on 16 June 1947 commented on the definitions of "basic intelligence", "current intelligence", and "staff intelligence" as set forth in I.A.B. 1, a copy of which comments were furnished to the Joint Intelligence Staff by the Central Intelligence Group. It is requested that these comments be brought up for discussion at the next meeting of the Intelligence Advisory Board with the view

to modifying I.A.B. 1 if considered appropriate prior to

submission to the National Intelligence Authority.

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REFERENCE DEPARTMENT Stack and Reader Division

June 16, 1947

Dear Captain Watts:

I return herewith the set of intelligence definitions which you recently submitted to me together with the comment which you requested. I hope they may be of some slight use.

If at any time I can be of the least help, please do not hesitate to call on me.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Willard Webb, Chief

WILLARD WEBB, Chief Stack and Reader Division

Enclosure: Set of comments on definitions

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Colonel Bellomby:

Herewith are the comments of the lexicographer on the JIS-CIG agreed upon definitions which we will discuss at 1400. Wed., 25 June.

A. WATTS

ACENT - No comment.

BASIC INTELLIGENCE _ Suggest that the definition end at the words "general interest". Inherently the phrase carries no connotation of being the "best available", any such evaluation would have to be conveyed by additional annotation.

COVER - Of course cover can also be used as a verb, even in intelligence activities. The use of the phrase "see standard dictionary" seems to me objectionable. There should be a presumption that the user of this dictionary has sufficient competence to be acquainted with the ordinary philological meaning of the word. I suggest the definition be rewritten more as follows:

Cover - In intelligence work the word is used in a general sense of concealment - a cover address for example being one used for the transmission of a message to an addressee other than the person to whom the message is eventually to be delivered.

"Cover name" might well be listed as a separate definition. The one used seems adequate.

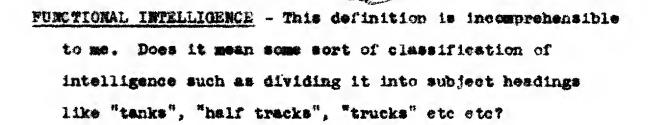
CURRENT INTELLIGENCE - The word "spot" is journalese if not slang in the sense in which you have used it. "Current" seems the logical word but would be tautological in your definition, "new" or "recent" might serve. Do you not somewhat deny your own definition of intelligence when

you omit evaluation and interpretation of information?

I suggest you simply delete the word "spot" and after
the word intelligence insert "comma known to be up-todate comma" and delete all after the word "staffs".

DEPARTMENTAL INTELLIGENCE - The subject of the sentence has become plural by adding "and the subordinate units thereof" so I suggest that "its" following the words "execute" and discharge" be changed to "their".

DOUBLE AGENT - No comment.



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- CROSRAFHIC INTELLIGENCE (Perenthetically, a pedantic controversy exists between geographers as to whether the word is "geographic" or "geographical"). Should there not be some sort of cross reference to "terrain intelligence"? As a combat soldier geographical intelligence always meant terrain information to me.

 Certainly the definition as given is incomplete.

 Should not there be added some such phrase as "concerning the physiographic aspects of some fairly large area"?
- "engaged in", and a semi-colon after "collection of information". Otherwise the definition states that an agency is the "processing of that information etc".

- "Information espeble of being applied etc" or "information of use in intelligence etc". It does not seem to me that the use of the word "foreign" is correct. Ploods, strikes, race ricts, crop estimates, infinite amount of domestic information is all grist for intelligence grinding.
- "establishment", "organization", "office". Facility
 means affable, dexterity, skill in performance. Also
 semetimes facility is used in prudish speech for "wash
 room" which might submit the definition to some ridicule.
- REGIONAL INTELLIGENCE See my comment on geographic intelligence.
- STAFF INTELLIGENCE Suggest delete the word "process".

 After "to meet" change "the" to "its" and delete "of the department or agency concerned" so that it would read:

 "Intelligence prepared by any department or agency thru the correlation and interpretation of all intelligence materials available to it in order to meet its specific requirements and responsibilities".

CERTAIN GENERAL COMMENT

In general I find a distressing lack of cross reference in your definitions. It seems to me that an important duty of the lexicographer is to indicate synonyms and to point up fine gradations of distinction in meaning. For example under "agent" I feel there should be some indication of

such terms as apy, mailbox, apy paster, agent provocateur etc. etc. If these terms appear elsewhere in the dictionary they should be cross referenced. Geographic Intelligence should have a see also reference to terrain, meteorological, soil, and economic intelligence.

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